

Mandated study on rural MMA provisions

ISSUE: The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) mandated that MedPAC “analyze the effect on total payments, growth in costs, capital spending and such other payment effects” of nine MMA policy changes by December 2006.

KEY POINTS: We will discuss our draft recommendation regarding an outpatient low-volume adjustment for rural hospitals.

ACTION: This will be the final commission discussion of our mandated report.

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